Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Just over a year ago, in 1118.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: When the price of medicine was much lower?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: No. The rate has been revised.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It was Rs. 360 before.

MENTAL HOSPITAL—FACILITIES FOR PATIENTS

263. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the existing facilities for patients in the Mental Hospital in the matter of food, medical attendance, clothing and other necessaries;

(*b*) do the Government contemplate the introduction of any changes in the existing arrangements?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) All possible facilities are provided for patients in the Mental Hospital in the matter of food, medical attendance, clothing and other necessaries.

(*b*) Not at present; but this question will be considered when the Medical Officer deputed for training in the Mental Hospital, Madras, takes up the work in the Trichur Mental Hospital.

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)*: Granting that all possible facilities are given, will the Government be pleased to say what exactly the facilities that are given, that is the question.

Mr. Presidet: Will the Hon'ble Member ask about any particular facility that interest him?

Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)*: The facilities are, say food. What food is being given?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: They get much better food than even the ordinary patient in the other hospitals.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is the amount provided for in the budget for food.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I want notice.

Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women)*: Are any beds provided for the patients in the Mental Hospital?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: That is not always possible. This question aud various others will be taken up when the Medical Officer who has been sent to Madras for special training returns.

Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women)*: When do you expect him to come back after training.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: In about 3 months.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: So, is it the position that till he returns after training, there is nobody here to advise what all improvoments are necessary in the Mental Hospital.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Not at all.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: Then what is the necessity for waiting till he returns.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Various changes have to be made. It is to be recognised that various improvements have to be made and this is the reason why a special man has been sent for training, so that when he returns he can take up this matter in all details and improve the conditions there.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to shift the Mental Hospital to some agricultural area and give scope for agricultural occupations to these lunatics.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In the matter of food, what is the amount that is usually provided for a patient a day. How do you calculate?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Just some where about 4 annas; that is only approximate.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: In the note to the Standing Finance Committee, it was stated that it was about 2 annas per individual.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes, that is for the ordinary patient of the General Hospital and not for patients in Mental Hospital.

Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women)*: May I know whether there is any objection to provide a few beds for the less insane patients.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: There is no provision just now. The question of improving the conditions and making several other improvements will be taken up by the special officer when he returns after training.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: May I know whether an expert is necessary to say that a person wants a bed to sleep on.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Of course they have every facility to sleep.

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Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur)*: May I know how long this Hospital has been in existence now?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Do you give them mats?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes, we give them mats.

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Nominated)*: It is stated "all possible facilities are provided for patients in the Mental Hospital". What are these facilities?

Mr. President: For the matter of that, read on.

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Nominated)*: Will the Government consider the the question of giving them beds?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: The treatment of mentally deficient patients is really difficult. We are trying to give them some sort of a bedding, but then we must realise they are mentally deficient patients. The moment clean clothes are given, they tear them into bits. We have sent a man for special training and when he returns we will take up the question of improving the conditions there and introduce the necessary reforms.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is the nature of food that is now supplied to these patients.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: They get sufficent amount of rice and once or twice a week we give them meat, then vegetables and fish and so on.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: പാല് കൊടുക്കാറുണ്ടോ?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: A certain amount.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: എത്ര മൗൺസ് വീതമാണ് കൊടുക്കാറ്?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: The patients who really need milk are given milk.

മിസിസ്സ് കെ. ജോഷ്വാ: തേച്ചുകുളി അവക്ക് പതിവുണ്ടോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ് ഡാക്ടർ ടി. വർഗീസ്സ്: ഉണ്ട്.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know the quantity of rice that is now given.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I want notice.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: May I know whether cases of madness are treated in the Ayurvedic Hospital.

Mr. President: Order, order. The question is concerned with the Mental Hospital. I think we ought to confine ourselves to that institution.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: How many patients were wearing dhoties when the Chief Medical Officer visited the Mental Hospital last time?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Very few, Sir.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri)*: Is not the Mental Hospital in charge of Medical men?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the present gentleman in charge of the Hospital did not every time say that the patients require beds.

Mr. President: I think that question has already been answered.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri)*: They are waiting for the training of the new man.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: Will the Government consider the desirability of introducing the Ayurvedic System of treatment in the Mental Hospital.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Not in the Mental Hospital.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: May I know what exactly are the objections.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Because the man in charge of the Hospital knows nothing at all about it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What exactly is the objection?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: None at all.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I could not hear the Hon'ble Member. Can that answer be repeated, Sir.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member could not hear simply because when the Government Member was answering other Hon'ble Members were speaking.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : Sir, that is no fault of mine. However I shall put the question again, what is the difficulty, Sir, in introducing the time-honoured system of Ayurveda in treating insanity.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)* : None at all.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will the Government be pleased, Sir, to introduce it as early as possible.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: If it is feasible, it will be considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: There is no diffiulty, Sir; that has been the answer given by the Government. So as a supplementry, I ask whether it cannot be introduced at once.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: It will be considered.

Mr. President : That is not a question.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Sir, my question has not been answered.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member's question was in effect answered by silence.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: There is no use of having a lunatic asylum in the State unless it is in some village. I wanted to bring this idea of mine to the notice of the Government.

TRAFFIC INSPECTOR—COMPLAINT AGAINST

264. Mr. A. T. Kunhipalu *(Kattur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it has received any complaint or oral representation from anybody complaining about the behaviour of the new Traffic Inspector to any driver or conductor of any bus;

(*b*) whether it has received any petition from any driver or conductor of any bus complaining of belabouring by a Police constable for not affording him a seat in fully loaded bus; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative what, if any, is the action taken by Government?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammed Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes, from a conductor.

(*c*) The Commissioner of Police enquired into the matter and found no scope for any action.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: With reference to the answer to subdivision (*c*) may I know why the Commissioner says there is no scope for any action.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: In the first place the so-called belabouring was finally admitted by the petitioner that he was given a slap on his cheek. Secondly he was not the conductor, and thirdly, he was found interfering with the Police Constables who were escorting a mental patient to the Mental Hospital.

KANJANY-TRICHUR LINE—BUS SERVICE—SCARCITY OF BUSES

265. Mr. A. T. Kunhipalu *(Kattur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it has received any petition complaining of the inconvenience caused to the travelling public by the scarcity of buses in the Kanjany-Trichur line;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative whether what action is taken in the matter; and

(*c*) whether the C. Permit of any bus in the line has been suspended after the receipt of that petition ?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammed Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)* :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One additional bus has been allowed to run in the line and the number of trips in the line has been raised from 15 to 19.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: When was this additional bus allowed, the date.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: That was last month.

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